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For information

FINAL DETERMINATION OF DUMPING ON CONCRETE REINFORCING BAR

For the Minister

ISSUE

The purpose of this briefing note is to provide information regarding the final determination with respect to the dumping investigation concerning certain concrete reinforcing bar (rebar) from Algeria, Egypt, Indonesia, Italy, Malaysia, Singapore, and Vietnam (the “named countries”).

On May 5, 2021, the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) will make a final determination of dumping in respect of rebar from the named countries. Provisional duties will continue to apply until the Canadian International Trade Tribunal (CITT) concludes its inquiry with respect to the injury to Canadian industry, which it must do by June 4, 2021.

BACKGROUND

Rebar is used in a number of applications, the most common of which is construction, to reinforce concrete and masonry structures.

The Canadian industry has the legislated right to be protected from unfairly priced imports, including goods that have been dumped. Dumping occurs when goods are sold to importers in Canada at prices that are less than their selling prices in the exporter’s domestic market or at unprofitable prices.

The investigation follows a complaint respecting the alleged injurious dumping of rebar filed on August 4, 2020, by AltaSteel Inc. (Edmonton, Alberta), ArcelorMittal Long Products Canada, G.P. (Contrecoeur, Quebec), and Gerdau Ameristeel Corporation (Whitby, Ontario). The complaint was supported by two other producers, Max Aicher North America Ltd. (Hamilton, Ontario) and Ivaco Rolling Mills 2004 LP (L’Orignal, Ontario).

The Canadian market for rebar has been estimated at \$1.3 billion annually.

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On November 23, 2020, the Canadian International Trade Tribunal (CITT) concluded its preliminary injury inquiry and determined that there is a reasonable indication that the dumping of rebar from the named countries has caused or is threatening to cause injury to the domestic industry.

A preliminary determination of dumping was made on February 4, 2021. At that time, provisional duty was put in place on dumped goods from each of the named countries.

CONSIDERATIONS

The final results of the investigation reveal that, during the period of investigation of June 1, 2019, to June 30, 2020, the goods imported into Canada from the named countries were dumped. As a result, on May 5, 2021, the CBSA will make a final determination of dumping confirming that the imports have been unfairly priced.

As a general practice, the CBSA uses a proactive communications approach at the initiation stage of an investigation and a responsive approach after that. On September 22, 2020, at the initiation of the dumping investigation, public notices, including an announcement on the CBSA's website, were issued. Media coverage of these types of decisions is generally limited to financial and trade publications and is usually factual in nature. As part of a responsive communications approach for the final determination, the CBSA website and anticipatory media lines will be updated.

It is expected that the Canadian industry producing these goods will generally react positively to the determination. The governments of the named countries, as well as the exporting/importing community, may not be in agreement with some aspects of our final determination. As a result, the CBSA's actions on this case may draw attention from the international trading community. Global Affairs Canada is aware of the investigation and will be informed of the decision.

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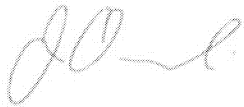
NEXT STEPS

The CBSA has a legal requirement to advise key stakeholders of the final determination being made on May 5, 2021. On that date, letters will be sent out to key parties and the decision will also be posted on the CBSA's website.

A Statement of Reasons, a public document containing details of the investigation, including explanations of how the CBSA addressed representations made by interested parties, will be available on the CBSA's website by May 20, 2021.

The matter has been referred to the CITT for an inquiry into the question of injury to the Canadian industry. The CITT must render a final decision by June 4, 2021. Provisional duty will continue to apply to imports of subject goods from the named countries until the CITT concludes its injury inquiry.

Please note that I am available to discuss, or have CBSA officials brief your staff, at your convenience.



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